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April 21, 2005

CERTIFIED MAIL RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Mr. John C. Beatty, III, President Diamond Chrome Plating, Inc. 604 South Michigan Avenue P.O. Box 557 Howell, Michigan 48844

Mr. John L. Raymond, President Superior Technology Corporation Lacey Place Southport, Connecticut 06490

Dear Messrs. Beatty and Raymond:

SUBJECT: Notice of Liens, Diamond Chrome Plating, Inc., Site,

604 South Michigan Avenue, Howell, Livingston County, Michigan

Facility ID No. 47000202, Project No. 455790

The Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ), Remediation and Redevelopment Division (RRD), is hereby notifying you of the State of Michigan's (state's) intention to perfect the attached four liens on the described property, which is legally described as two parcels, pursuant to Section 20138(1) and Section 20138(4) of Part 201,¹ as security interest for the expenditure of public funds. The Section 20138(1) liens will be perfected for \$109,905.74, our costs incurred as of October 10, 2004; however, additional costs are anticipated. The amount of reimbursement, therefore, may be more than the identified amount in the Section 20138(1) liens and will be based upon actual costs, including any and all interest as authorized to be recovered under state and federal law, calculated at the time of reimbursement. The Section 20138(4) liens are for the increase in market value of the property that results from the response activities conducted by the state.

In 2002, the RRD identified the Diamond Chrome Plating Inc. (DCP), property located at 604 South Michigan Avenue, Howell, Michigan (hereinafter the Property), as a facility under Part 201 of the NREPA. Records obtained by the RRD from the Livingston County Register of Deeds (Liber 452, Page 456; Liber 503, Page 355; Liber 664,

¹ Part 201, Environmental Remediation, of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, 1994 PA 451, as amended (NREPA).

Page 528; and Liber 692, Page 463) list DCP and Diamond Tibon Plating Company (a/k/a DCP) as the last deed holder. The multiple deed documents are now two parcels with property identification numbers 4717-36-300-014 and 4717-36-303-052.

The liens are being placed pursuant to Section 20138(1) and Section 20138(4) of the NREPA, which provides the state authority to place a lien for state incurred unpaid costs and damages. The liens shall remain in effect until all costs for which you are responsible are paid, foreclosure, or the liens become unenforceable through operation of the statute of limitations under the NREPA.

If the property described in the liens is not a site of environmental contamination, or if you are not the owner of this Property on the date the liens were filed, you may request an informal meeting with the MDEQ's RRD, limited to a discussion of these issues only. Please submit your request in writing along with all documents to be reviewed by the RRD within 15 days from receipt of this notice. The RRD will consider a failure to respond to this notice a waiver of your rights to contest the placement of this lien.

To make arrangements for payment or if you have any questions regarding this notice, you may contact me.

Sincerely,

Karen Kligman

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Compliance and Enforcement Section Remediation and Redevelopment Division 517-335-6526

Attachments :

cc: Ms. Kathleen L. Cavanaugh, Michigan Department of Attorney General

Mr. Ben G. Hall, MDEQ

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